

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – January 7, 2010

Mayor Dick O'Brien called the City Council meeting for Thursday, January 7, 2010, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Natvig, Shihadeh, Roby, Bynum, and Lange.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor O'Brien welcomed Councilmembers LeRette and Natvig.

#20891. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2009 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Roby. All ayes; motion carried.

#20892. Councilmember Lange moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows: Renewal of a Class C Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Fareway Store #998, 2100 Cedar Plaza Drive – Fareway Stores Inc.; renewal of a Class E Liquor License with Sunday Sales Permit for Hy-Vee Drugstore, 510 E. 6th Street – Hy-Vee Inc.; renewal of a Class C Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Hy-Vee Gas, 2600 2nd Avenue – Hy-Vee Inc.; renewal of a Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales for Las Lomas, 1519 Park Avenue – Juan Inc.; renewal of a Class E Liquor License with Sunday Sales for Wholesale Foods Outlet #312, 807 Grandview Avenue – Nash Finch Co.; filing of Communications A-H; and Bills for Approval totaling \$1,126,934.93. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#20893. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the appointments of Mark LeRette to the Muscatine County Solid Waste Management Agency and Larry Wolf to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Seconded by Councilmember Roby. All ayes; motion carried.

#20894. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the Mayor to sign a subordination agreement for 507 E. 6th Street. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor O'Brien stated that Item 12B pertaining to the assessment of unpaid abatement costs to private properties was being deleted from the agenda.

#20895. Councilmember Roby moved to approve partial tax exemptions for 226 E. 2nd Street. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#20896. Councilmember Lange moved to approve the rehabilitation design services agreement with Shoemaker-Haaland for the Clay Street Bridge in the amount of \$38,300. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum.

Councilmember Lange asked how old the bridge was.

Public Works Director Randy Hill stated he did not have that information readily available but would get it for Councilmember Lange. He stated it was probably one of the older bridges in the city.

Councilmember Lange asked if it had outlived its useful life.

Mr. Hill stated he did not think so, but it does need to be rehabilitated.

There was discussion about the safety of the bridge and the possible use of stimulus monies for its repair.

Mr. Hill stated that city staff has requested Shoemaker-Haaland investigate grant opportunities for the bridge rehabilitation.

Councilmember Natvig asked about the cost for repairs to the bridge, and Mr. Hill stated it would be approximately \$250,000.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember LeRette thanked the citizens of Muscatine for voting for him. He stated he is looking forward to working with everyone.

Councilmember Natvig stated he is happy to be serving the citizens of Muscatine.

Councilmember Shihadeh welcomed Councilmembers LeRette and Natvig. He stated he was looking forward to working with them for the betterment of the community.

Councilmember Bynum echoed Councilmember Shihadeh's thoughts. Speaking in reference to the weather, he asked the citizens of Muscatine to be patient with the city's snow removal efforts.

Councilmember Roby welcomed Councilmembers LeRette and Natvig aboard and stated she was looking forward to working with them during the upcoming budget sessions as well as the Goals and Objectives Session scheduled for Saturday morning.

Councilmember Lange also welcomed Councilmembers LeRette and Natvig.

Councilmember Lange stated there was quite a bit of snow on the ground. He asked the citizens of Muscatine to keep their sidewalks cleaned off and that they not blow or shovel the snow into the streets.

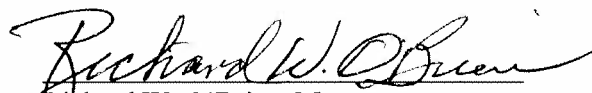
City Attorney Harvey Allbee Jr. welcomed Councilmembers LeRette and Natvig and congratulated Councilmember Bynum on his re-election.


City Administrator Gregg Mandsager reminded Council about the Goals and Objectives Session scheduled for Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. in the lower level conference room of City Hall. He then stated that his draft blog is almost ready for the website.

Mayor O'Brien once again welcomed Councilmembers LeRette and Natvig.

#20897. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Roby. All ayes; motion carried.




Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor


Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator